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Enclosed are substitute paper and computer readable form of the Sequence Listing that were submitted with the Response filed November 5, 2001. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.825(a) and (b) and § 1.821(f), Applicants' agent hereby asserts that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:44 submitted herewith are identical and include no new matter.

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